



Following a showing of the documentary, "*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*", its producer, Abigail Disney, came to Rice on October 2nd to talk with students about the film. The documentary tells the story of the Liberian's women's struggle to bring peace to their country. It is a powerful story about women who had had enough of a long civil war, corrupt regimes, summary executions and the torture and rape of Liberia's citizens.



These women joined together, Christians and Muslims, to pray for and demand the end of civil war. They were instrumental in acquiring Liberia's peace accord. In the aftermath of war, the people of Liberia



are painstakingly rebuilding their country.

A spirited discussion between Ms. Disney and students took place regarding the film and her life's experiences. Students were shocked with what they saw and expressed gratitude for living in a country where such things don't occur. Concerned with the situation in Liberia, a Rice student asked, "What can we do to help?" Ms.



Disney suggested that we might want to adopt a Liberian high school and raise money to enhance students' lives there. That's something we should consider - how can Rice men make a difference in the lives of Liberian students?

Ms. Disney was a gracious and interesting guest. She and her son, Henry, enjoyed lunch with students and were given a tour of the school. She received a trophy to commemorate her visit to Rice and to recognize her efforts in bringing the Liberian women's courage and actions to the world's attention. We hope she will visit again.

There are plans to show "*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*" to all Rice students.